



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**For (title): SLIDER CURVATURE MODIFICATION BY SUBSTRATE  
MELTING EFFECT PRODUCED WITH A PULSED LASER BEAM**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Examiner Elve:

In response to the Office Action dated 8/07/2003, Applicant submits the following remarks and election, currently due on a statutory period for response expiring on 9/07/2003. The Examiner has stated, on the Office Action Summary, that Claims 1-37 are pending, and Claims 1-37 are subject to restriction.

**Detailed Action:**

Examiner has identified the following groups to which restriction is required:

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| Group I.   | Claims 1-19, drawn to method.     |
| Group II.  | Claims 20-29, drawn to apparatus. |
| Group III. | Claims 30-37, drawn to product.   |

After due consideration, Applicant provisionally elects the invention identified by the Examiner as identified in Group I leaving Claims 1-19 for examination in the above-identified application.

Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's Agent at the numbers or addresses below if she has any questions or comments.

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